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Darkfever: Fever Series Book 1



Synopsis

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Karen Marie Moning's *Bloodfever*. MacKayla Lane's life is good. She has great friends, a decent job, and a car that breaks down only every other week or so. In other words, she's your perfectly ordinary twenty-first-century woman. Or so she thinks . . . until something extraordinary happens. When her sister is murdered, leaving a single clue to her death—a cryptic message on Mac's cell phone—Mac journeys to Ireland in search of answers. The quest to find her sister's killer draws her into a shadowy realm where nothing is as it seems, where good and evil wear the same treacherously seductive mask. She is soon faced with an even greater challenge: staying alive long enough to learn how to handle a power she had no idea she possessed—a gift that allows her to see beyond the world of man, into the dangerous realm of the Fae. . . . As Mac delves deeper into the mystery of her sister's death, her every move is shadowed by the dark, mysterious Jericho, a man with no past and only mockery for a future. As she begins to close in on the truth, the ruthless Vlane—an alpha Fae who makes sex an addiction for human women—closes in on her. And as the boundary between worlds begins to crumble, Mac's true mission becomes clear: find the elusive Sinsar Dubh before someone else claims the all-powerful Dark Book—because whoever gets to it first holds nothing less than complete control of the very fabric of both worlds in their hands. . . . Look for all of Karen Marie Moning's sensational Fever novels: *DARKFEVER* | *BLOODFEVER* | *FAEFEVER* | *DREAMFEVER* | *SHADOWFEVER* | *ICED* | *BURNED* | *FEVERBORN* | *FEVERSONG*

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Customer Reviews

Despite the fact the author ripped off Buffy almost in entirety, set her in another country and made her kill Unseelie instead of vampires (except 1 because what's an urban fantasy these days without a bloodsucker? Yawn) I was going to give this book 4 stars. Buffy rip off or not, its well written. I was thoroughly enjoying it. I couldn't give it 5 stars because it is a rip off and the "diaryesque" style broke what could have been great action and dialogue in some places. But...It Was a rousing good bit of entertainment. I'd have recommended this book with a Buffy caveat. Then I read the authors completely clueless, self aggrandizing bit of insanity at the end about getting books fully written to your subconscious via FedEx in a box with a ribbon and it ruined the whole thing. You saw the nifty Buffy episode with the weird monster that sucks the life out of people making them age and fade and you near plagiarized the entire concept of Buffy and wrote it down. That's not getting a story subconsciously...that's ripping off a tv show. I know I'm not supposed to let the author's insanity interfere in my enjoyment of a story or read anything else they write not pure fiction story (seriously thought I'd learned my lesson with LKH way back in the day) but I can Unseelie what's been seen and I did and there it is and now I can't read anymore of her work. Ugh. Or I could because I just flat out miss Buffy. But I'll probably read some reviews of the next installments before I buy to see how far this goes. And not ever ever again read her crazy personal stuff and the end of the book. You've been warned. Edit: read reviews for 2-3 and yeah, not buying anymore of this series.

Incredible world building! The characters and settings were beautifully written. While I did feel at times the story stretched, I did appreciate the fact that Darkfever was setting the scene for the series, which I absolutely intend to read in full. MacKayla is a reluctant heroine and her development is slow, but that is to be expected. Not only does she have to come to terms with her sister's death, which occurred in a completely different country from her own, but she also has to deal with the fact that she has powers that allow her to see a world that very few knew existed. Jericho Barrons is complex and intoxicating, mentoring MacKayla one minute, then using her the next. I appreciate the air of mystery surrounding his character, and admit it is the main reason I will be

reading on. A dark and powerful start to a series I look forward to completing.

I'm planning a trip to Dublin, have been learning a little Gaelic, and am a fan of the Dresden Files by Jim Butcher. I thought I'd try this book as a way to incorporate several interests and the reviews were promising. I am pleased I gave it a try. Having enjoyed the first in the Fever series, but with a long list of books "to read", I'm torn between continuing with the next one or reading the others that have been waiting longer. The story is told first person by the main character, MacKayla Lane. MacKayla (aka "Mac") is a Barbie-doll southern girl whose biggest decision each day is what to wear to coordinate her clothes, shoes, and nail polish. That changes when her sister is murdered while studying abroad in Dublin. When the police decide there is nothing more to go on, Mac is not satisfied with their decision to close the case. Instead, she travels to Dublin to put pressure on the local police and do a bit of sleuthing herself. She soon learns that her sister and herself are not what they seemed and a world of light and dark faeries exist where no one is looking. With elements of humor, suspense, mystery, and a dash of sexual tension, the author tells the tale of a smart, stubborn young woman that learns to accept and finally embrace her new identity and purpose.

I've been waiting for this book to go on sale and it finally did. I really like the spunkiness of the authors writing, the wit. Love hearing the southern hospitality in this character and developing situations around that. This isn't a book to fly through because of the detail and the authors writing style. I want to know what is Barron, what was in her journal, about her parents and so much more. Can't wait for next book.

Yes, I was hooked on this Fever series from reading the 1st book, Darkfever, the first books by Karen Marie Moning were her Highlanders series....which had the time-bending travel, paranormal romance theme, and based in Scotland.....some sexual scenes but the Fever series does have more explicit sexual scenes with the same paranormal theme but based in Irelandabout a sister who is searching for who killed her sister, Alina, while attending the University in Dublin. But Dublin, Ireland is changing fast.....here where it starts the mystery, suspense, and the darkness to come.....

I really enjoyed the read. The ending was a bit abrupt and definitely didn't wrap anything up for you so you would be sure to get the sequels. You are left with a lot more questions than you got answers for. The reading style was odd to me since it's told more as a narrative style. Other than

that, it was a really great and intriguing read. I'm sure I will read the sequels.

I like Karen Marie Moning and have several of her books, this is not one of my top ten. Darkfever was an average book with a murder/mystery appeal. The story doesn't end with this book and you will have to buy the next book to find out what happens next. The book flips from first person "in the moment" to first person "telling a story" which took away from mystery, character, & was inconsistent. Will I buy the next book? eh, probably not but I will look into other Karen Marie Moning books that appeal to me more.

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